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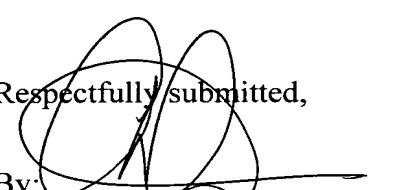AARON C. DEDITCH

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment.

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 7, 2000, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 58 to 82 as follows:

58. (New) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the three-dimensional volume data is obtained by forming difference images among the frames in time sequence, and stacking the formed difference images.

59. (New) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the three-dimensional volume data is obtained by forming difference images among the frames in time sequence, and stacking the formed difference images.

60. (New) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the three-dimensional volume data is obtained by forming difference images among the frames in time sequence, and stacking the formed difference images.